Top Five Tips for Parents and Students for Safety on Campus

Margolis Healy is pleased to provide parents and students with its annual Top Five Tips for Campus Safety.

1. Review the institution’s Annual Security Report and attend programs presented by the university, including campus safety orientation programs, sexual & gender violence awareness programs, and those that focus on high-risk activities, including alcohol and drugs.

2. Take advantage of the programs offered by the campus public safety agency such as campus safety escorts, personal safety strategies, valuables-registration programs, and other initiatives aimed at student safety.

3. Safeguard against a false sense of security; lock your door; orient yourself to the campus using maps and daytime exploration; travel about campus smartly; always let a friend know where you are going, and protect valuable personal items.

4. Enroll your personal email and cell phone in the institution’s emergency notification system.

5. Accept your responsibility to contribute to community safety by reporting hazards and crimes. If you see something, say something. Don’t be a bystander - tell someone.

"As a consultant to the nation's top institutions for higher education, we see and hear about many incidents and we understand the importance of educating students about the facts at this time of year, as well as year-round," said Dr. Gary J. Margolis, managing partner of Margolis Healy. "While our top five tips are certainly not the end-all, be-all, they are at least the basis for a critical discussion that should take place between parents and their students during this back to school period."